

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

ACTIVITY IN THE MONEY MARKET.

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THE FOREIGN SITUATION QUIET.

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Firmness of Railroad and Government Bonds.

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad.

WALL STREET, TUESDAY, AUGUST 26—6 P. M.

THE FOREIGN MARKET.

The foreign situation is unchanged. Money is easy and bonds quiet and steady. The tone of the market is regarded as assuring, and there are no signs yet present of any emergency calculated to force a reaction. The new French loan is quoted at a premium of 7 1/2 per cent, and French bonds at 97 1/2. The amount of bullion which went into the Bank of England on balance to-day was \$10,000. The following are the late prices—Consols for money, 92 1/2; consols for account, 92 1/2; 5 1/2 bonds of 1865 (old), 95 1/2; 5 1/2 bonds of 1867, 95 1/2; 10 1/2 bonds, 90 1/2; new French, 114 1/2; Erie railway shares, 47 1/2; Illinois Central railway shares, 86.

Money to-day responded sharply to the efforts of operators by advancing to 7 per cent in currency and gold, though large sums were disposed of on call loans at 5 and 6 per cent. Probably it is the first time during the season that such high bids have been heard on the floor of the Stock Exchange. Towards the close of the market the street rate was quoted at 3 and 4 per cent. Time loans are quoted 6 1/2 per cent for 30 days, 7 per cent for 60 days, 7 1/2 per cent for 90 days and 8 per cent for 120 days.

GOLD STEADY. The gold market to-day was not particularly active. The price opened at 115 1/2, but from some cause dropped to 115 1/4, from which, however, there was a speedy recovery to 115 1/2, at which the market closed. The rates paid for carrying were 3, 2 1/2, 4 and 2 1/2 per cent to flat. The fluctuations of the day are noted in the following table:

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10 A. M.	115½	12:30 P. M.	115½
10:04 A. M.	115½	1:07 P. M.	115½
10:08 A. M.	115½	1:13 P. M.	115½
10:18 A. M.	115½	1:20 P. M.	115½
10:27 A. M.	115½	2:00 P. M.	115½
10:36 A. M.	115½	2:08 P. M.	115½
The operations of the Gold Exchange Bank to-day were as follows:—			
Gold balances.....			\$1,402,841
Currency balances.....			1,736,377
Gross clearances.....			63,437,000
Currency exchanges.....			\$70,797,400
Currency balances.....			2,615,011
Currency clearances.....			8,850,450
Gold balance.....			880,677